

Umpires Often Help Win As Well As Lose Close Games

Most Teams, However, Think All Close Decisions Go Against Them and Blame Umpires Accordingly; Connie Mack Is One Who Believes Breaks About Average Up For the Season.

BY BILLY EVANS.

EMPIRES get credit for losing many a ball game but never winning one. Did you ever hear a manager come out boldly in print and say that a poor decision by the umpire made it possible for him to win a game? Few have ever done so. The visiting team was robbed, when a close decision which might have been given either way, went in favor of the home club. Umpire decides as many games for the home team, as against it, through the medium of disputed decisions. Connie Mack, one of the few managers I ever heard say that on the whole the breaks about even. Most leaders will frankly tell you that they never got a close decision in their life. There is no denying the fact that the umpire makes close decisions, and surely some must get them. The trouble is that managers, the public and the press, when they make a close decision, is rendered in their favor.

Close decisions are often made. It is really surprising the very important part certain rulings play which at the time appear to be minor decisions. Umpires often the ruling of a player allows the substitute to come through with a winning play in the game. Very often when a club appears to be getting the worst of a game, the umpire's ruling right into its hands. I once heard a manager rave for a week over a ruling that was given against him, when as a matter of fact the decision of the umpire was directly responsible for his team securing a victory in a very important game.

In the game in question, the score at the close of the seventh inning stood 2 to 1 in favor of the visiting team. In the first half of the eighth the visitors added another run, making the count 3 to 1 in their favor. Since the visiting pitcher was moving along smoothly, the home manager decided to give a couple of men to work on. In the last half of the eighth the first two men up reached base on errors on the part of the infield. The next batter, in attempting to sacrifice, struck out. Another error on the part of the infield filled the bases, instead of the side being retired, as it should have been. The bases were filled with only one man.

Manager Came Up for the Pitch. The batter to step to the plate at this very important moment, was the manager of the club. He was a fellow prone to hug the plate closely. The first ball delivered was a fast one, the umpire called it a strike. The manager tried his very best to get out of the way of the ball. It hit either the bat or the batter. It was one of those plays on which the umpire has to be aided largely by the ball boys. The ball traveled very far. If it happens to strike the bat, it does just what the pitcher wants. The ball went into the grand stand. It seemed certain that the ball would have struck the bat. The umpire reached such a conclusion and declared it a foul ball. The manager protested strenuously, shouting that the ball hit him and raved in general. While not denying that possibly the ball did hit him, he said that the umpire ruled that it first struck the bat.

A long kick resulted, the manager insisting that the ball had hit him. The umpire finally forced a run over the plate, making the count 3 to 2, with the bases still filled and only one out. The game was finally resumed, and on the very first ball pitched the manager, who had been denied a run, bused for a triple, scoring all three runners and putting his team in the lead by a score of 4 to 3. The next batter struck out. Had the umpire granted the manager first base, to which he claimed he was entitled, his team would have scored one instead of three runs and instead of leading

Baltimore Feds Are Likely to Lead League This Season

St. Louis Club Will Be Strong Contender For the Berth, However; Tinker's Chicago Team Is Also Strongly in the Running; Brooklyn Ranks About Fourth in the Showing.

BY MONTY.

NEW YORK, March 28.—It is possible now to have a sort of a line on how the Federal league teams will take the field in their opening games week after next, barring the possibility of court decisions in favor of organized baseball that may restrain a number of players from performing with the new outfit. Such a possibility is hardly a tangible thing, however, in the short time remaining, and it is probably safe to assume that all the men who have been working out at the Feds' training camp will be able to get in the initial games.

A majority of men who have attempted to pick the probable winner of the Federal pennant name the St. Louis club as the favorite, but it now begins to look as if the Baltimore club can present a stronger front if manager Otto Knebe decides to play second base instead of sitting on the bench. With himself in the game, Knebe can show an opening day lineup that compares favorably with the average club in the National and American leagues. It would be about as follows: George Stages, pitcher; Fred Jacklitsch, catcher; Harry Swaine, first base; Knebe, second base; Mike Doolan, shortstop; Al Wickland, Zwillling and Cols, outfielders; Young, third base; Benny Meyer and Burt Walsh, outfielders.

Mordcau Brown's St. Louis aggression hardly seems to be as good as second when Joe Tinker's Chicagoans are seen on opening day something like this: Pitcher, Al Bridwell; second base, Tinker; third base, Kollie Zelder; outfielders, Al Wickland, Zwillling and Cols. For third place, it looks as though Brown's much heralded Mound City gang has practically had a lead pipe cinch. The team probably will open with Bob Groom pitching; Mike Simon, catcher; Hugh Miller, first base; Bouchard, second base; Al Bridwell, shortstop; Mattox, third base; outfielders, Ward Miller, Del Drake and Fred Kommer. Brooklyn apparently ranks about fourth in strength of its likely opener.

Quarrel Preceded Murphy's Leap Interest Is Keen In Relay Races

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 28.—The release of Danny Murphy to Baltimore, who was signed by the Orioles, has caused a great deal of interest in the city. Murphy, who was a member of the Philadelphia Athletics, was released by the club because of his poor performance in the field. Murphy's leap to Baltimore has caused a great deal of interest in the city. Murphy, who was a member of the Philadelphia Athletics, was released by the club because of his poor performance in the field. Murphy's leap to Baltimore has caused a great deal of interest in the city.

Great Interest in Relay. Because of the great interest in the intercollegiate championship this year and the fact that so many of the winners have graduated, there is greater interest in the relay races than in the individual events. The Philadelphia team, which is headed by the University of Pennsylvania, is expected to be a strong contender.

SYRACUSE HOPES TO BREAK RECORD

SYRACUSE, N. Y., March 28.—That the world's pole vault record is doomed to be broken this year by one of its athletes is the assertion of enthusiasts at Syracuse university. Tom Keave, the trainer, predicts that Curtis, a sophomore, will make better than 12 feet two inches. As a freshman last year Curtis could not complete the intercollegiate contest, but in the Pennsylvania relay race he defeated Wright, of Dartmouth, and Wagner, of Yale, going 12 feet 6 1/2 inches.

FEDERAL SCHEDULE TO BE REVISED

CHICAGO, Ill., March 28.—President Gilmore returned to Chicago Friday with optimistic reports of conditions in eastern cities of the league. The league schedule will be revised by Gilmore and secretary Rickard with the second team of the Chicago Americans, who will run on the Oxford four mile relay race on Franklin field, is the greatest of present day runners.

WASHINGTON AMERICANS TAKE SECOND GAME FROM PHILLIES

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 28.—The Washington Americans took the second game in a row from the Philadelphia Nationals in the inter league exhibition series Friday. The Nationals, who were defeated in the first game, were again defeated in the second game. The Americans, who were victorious in the first game, were again victorious in the second game.

VENICE COAST LEAGUE DEFEAT WHITE SOX NO. 1

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 28.—The Venice Coast league defeated the Chicago American league baseball team Friday, 5 to 1. The Venice team, which was led by manager H. H. E. Chicago, was victorious in the game. The Chicago team, which was led by manager H. H. E. Chicago, was defeated in the game.

BUFALO INTERNATIONALS WIN FROM NEW YORK AMERICANS

CHARLOTTE, N. C., March 28.—The Buffalo International league team Friday defeated the New York Americans, 6 to 4. Walsh and Holden, of the Americans, hit home runs. The Buffalo team, which was led by manager H. H. E. Buffalo, was victorious in the game. The New York team, which was led by manager H. H. E. Buffalo, was defeated in the game.

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WALZ TEAM TAKES THE CHAMPIONSHIP

Defeated Holmes Five at Bowling; White Team Is Successful Over Tuttle Five, Making Three Points.

Wals team took all four points from the Holmes five in bowling at the Casino last night. The Wals team, which was led by manager H. H. E. Wals, was victorious in the game. The Holmes team, which was led by manager H. H. E. Wals, was defeated in the game.

INDUSTRIALS OPEN THE SEASON APRIL 5

On April 5 the initial game of El Paso's first annual amateur organized baseball league will be played. Plans and bylaws for the league were adopted at a meeting held at the El Paso Hotel last night. The league will be composed of teams from the various industries in the city.

YORK-HERRICK FIGHT IS DECLARED DRAW

ROSELLE, N. M., March 28.—Practically out as a result of a stiff volley of straight punches, Bob York, the Colorado middleweight, was forced to stop his fight with Joe Herrick, the New York light heavyweight, in the ninth round of the bell Friday night in the ninth round of a scheduled fight. The fight was declared a draw.

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LARNED AND INMAN LOSE AT TENNIS

BOSTON, Mass., March 28.—W. A. Larned, of East Orange, N. J., many times national tennis champion, and F. C. Inman, of New York, were defeated Friday night in the final match of the Longwood tennis tournament. The match was a close one, but Larned and Inman were unable to win.

TINKER SELLS CAD COLES

SHREVEPORT, La., March 28.—Manager Tinker, of the Chicago Federal league, announced today the sale outright of Cad Coles, outfielder, to the Kansas City Athletics. Coles, who was a member of the Chicago team, was released by the club because of his poor performance in the field.

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Levinsky Seems Stable; Moha Was Easy Victor In Fight

Battler's High Fever and Stomach Trouble Are Causes Ascribed For Defeat; Moha, Lightning Fast, Puts Up Rattling Good Battle, Showing Brilliant Form Throughout Bout.

BY T. S. ANDREWS.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 28.—Battling Levinsky, the Philadelphia light heavyweight, made his first appearance in the middle west when he bumped into Bob Moha, the "avenger" before the South Side A. C. of Milwaukee, and the verdict was against the man with the Hebrew name. It developed after the contest that Levinsky had gone into the match with a very severe fever and stomach trouble, and that probably accounts for his poor showing, but nevertheless he would have had his hands full, so matter how good he was that night, for Moha put up one of his really good battles.

Bob was just as lightning and took the lead away from the speedy Levinsky, although at times the latter showed flashes of class. It seemed to the casual observer that the battler had gone stale from too much work in the ring, and that is probably the real trouble amounted to. He had the height and reach to keep a man of Moha's kind at bay, but he was not on the coast in 10 rounds, or his form against White was away off color. The Chicago boy simply toyed with him at times. In the first round Charlie gave him a severe lacing while against the ropes, and it was during this lashing that White lost his right hand. He was badly hurt, but he did not lose any of his prestige. The French boy went into the battle against big odds and the remarkable part of it is that he was able to put up such a splendid contest against those odds. He not only gave away 30 pounds in weight to one of the best of the trio of colored heavyweights, but he also lacked the experience that his adoring public possessed. Had the fight gone 20 rounds or more the chances are that Jeannette would have stopped him and had Frenchman, but at the end of the 15th round he was out.

From the initial bout the fight was fiercely contested. York, who was heavier by several pounds, was the aggressor and landed the majority of heavier punches. Herrick resorted to jabbing, occasionally bringing his feet back to the jaw. Herrick showed superior ring generalship, and frequently had York on the ropes as a result of his heavy work and speed.

Mayor W. M. Atkinson, of Roswell, attended as official timekeeper. This is the second bout between York and Herrick, both having been declared draws.

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